

Amendments to the Abstract:

Delete the Abstract and replace with the following Abstract:

A computer-implemented method to gauge and control churn of a project may include determining an estimated project churn, wherein project churn includes any identifiable and unplanned changes to a scope of the project. The method may also include identifying at least one task of the project requiring rework or modification. The method may additionally include collecting heuristic information on each task of the project requiring rework or modification in response to any potential project changes for determining the estimated project churn. Collecting heuristic information may include at least one of: collecting a time to complete a same or a similar task in another project; sampling a plurality of times to complete the same or similar task in a plurality of other projects; and surveying a plurality of experienced project managers to provide an estimated time requirement to complete the task. The method may also include entering at least optimistic, pessimistic and expected time requirements for reworking or modifying each task of the project requiring rework or modification in response to any potential project changes. The method may further include allocating resources in response to the estimated project churn based on the collected heuristic information and the at least optimistic, pessimistic and expected time requirements for each task of the project.